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Dear Friends;

As we near the end of the third year in our study we feel that we have drawn more closely together in our understanding of the purpose of life. There is little more we can teach you, but the Holy Spirit can teach you all things, of this we are very sure. This assurance is as strong as a bridge and we can walk over it to the heights of Being.

The highest Truth needs to be heard only once to take hold of the heart. The world can be changed, if we believe it. Even when we are alone speaking it the universal mind of man responds. The High Truth is the perfect doctrine of prophecy, so, let us proclaim it, especially to the world that is prophesying evil. It is up to those who know the Truth to speak it and not be concerned about those who do not speak it.

The tenets of Jesus Christ invites us to grow up and not remain "babes in Christ" feeding upon milk, but to take some strong wine of doctrine. In other words to eat that meat that Jesus ate. He said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me." "Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest? Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:32 - 34 - 35.

Continually we are told to look at something very real that much of the world does not yet see. This is the Kingdom of God ever-present waiting to be acknowledged. So, together we acknowledge it in all love toward Christ who brought us this message.

Lovingly,

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Assuring to the Acceptable and Accepted
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

" LET KNOWLEDGE GROW FROM MORE TO MORE,
BUT MORE OF REVERENCE IN US DWELL;
THAT MIND AND SOUL, ACCORDING WELL,
MAY MAKE ONE MUSIC, AS BEFORE,
BUT VASTER. "

TENNYSON .

THE KINGDOM OF GOD EVER PRESENT

" There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." (Job 32:8.)

In considering this statement, the student finds that it is made to emphasize the fact that neither being old nor great necessarily makes men wise. All wisdom comes from the Spirit within, and it has nothing to do with age or the wisdom of this world. Paul found this out and told the Corinthians that the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. In fact the third chapter of First Corinthians is devoted to explaining the manner in which the wisdom of God can always be depended upon to be correct. " Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."

The good that comes to man is the result of having spoken or thought the Truth at some time. Most people think truly part of the time, even a grumbler has some great truth which he speaks often, which is his saving grace. While the doctrine of truth which tells of life and health and strength may not seem as tangible as a mill, it does grind out the desires of the heart in happy conditions in its own mysterious way. We have new circumstances by its mystic fingers, for it loves to feel harmony, which gives it a chance to work in and through to bring out good. Hearts have fainted for lack of love.

Sin has never been cured by punishment, for punishment increases the sin. To deny its reality is the only permanent cure. Consider the Jesus Christ method of a blameless life, free from condemnation, forgiving, gentle, unpretentious, all the time shedding a fine radiance of inner light abroad. The steady light is a help to people without any spoken words. You can balance a man's health without treating him, if your consciousness is high enough. You can clarify his ideas without speaking to him. Certainly by this time the student understands we are not referring to mental coercion, but to a state of Being. Recall at this point that the name of God is I AM THAT I AM. The title Jehovah means that which was and is to be. Verily the first and the last and everywhere present, creating mind. It has been suggested that the name Jehovah was a Phoenician origin and that it made way among the Israelites slowly to the age of Samuel and then with greater rapidity. It contains a suggestion of the Phoenician Sun-God, as well as the God of the Chaldeans, "The Intelligent Light."

This is the steady light that has always been in the world that lighteth every man. All mankind is awakening in this light on an even higher level of understanding. The purpose of these instructions is to help people to meet the so called problems of life in a true, scientific way. It is like arithmetic, we can tell from the problem or outer appearance, what truth we must speak, or apply.

If we stumble over calling sin - nothingness -- we shall be slow in demonstration. We shall not be joyous. We cannot be like God until we think as God and see as God sees. His eyes are too pure to behold iniquity, is a symbolical way of saying that God is pure spirit. Let us awake from the dreams that bind us to appearances, the deep sleep that fell upon the Adam man. There is a spirit in every man that knows the Truth. We need not harbor the memory of sin, if God knows nothing of it. Any fear can be dispelled by taking the God point of view. It is wonderful to know that you have this ability within yourself. If there is no reality in sin, then, rise to agree with the principle of Truth and love it. To attain complete harmony, sin and matter must both come into the kingdom of Oneness.

The peaceful satisfaction of your thoughts fold themselves around you in good friendships, good healing power and the reformed conduct of men. God needs no healing, therefore there is no healing to be done and no reforming to be done. What then? We tell the Truth and as the whole and perfect man steps forth, he looks on the sense plane as if he were being healed and we will speak of it as healing, but we know the Reality. Knowing there is no work to be done gives the appearance of miracles, because as the signs of the heavenly estate appear, they push the earthly estate aside. This looks like activity. It is really the rest of God. Watch the stars as an example.

If we are pledged to a Principle, it will work for us in loving kindness. There is a gift of skill in handling things with thoughts, so that they record the thoughts perfectly. The instrument must record the singing and joy of the musician. There is no healing in accusation or condemnation. Whatever we think toward a person is the treatment we are giving him, which will explain both black and white magic. Everything we do is recorded in plain sight. Your practice must tell the world what your genius can do. Genius is the result of concentrating to an idea. Let others see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

If we have discovered how to be joyous and grateful, to smile and praise when there has not seemed to be any reason to do it, there will come a time when we can teach others to do everything we can do. This brings the companionship for dwelling among equals. This is one of the foundation stones of character in the temple not built with hands. Everything is as good as we have been to it. It tells our ability to discard symbol and realize reality, while we are giving forth thoughts, words and writings. Things, objects and people are the records now of ways we have thought in the past, also of ways we think now. We think new and joyous thoughts in regard to people, of things, of life and presently they respond to it. It is recorded and answers back to you just as your face comes back in the mirror.

According to the foregoing, things are not unexpectedly kind, or mysteriously good, but have taken place through a definite operation of law set in motion by your own self. We play upon all the chords of appearances with the touch of one whose words endure after Him-- forever.

Jesus taught His disciples how to keep alive, but they did not understand it, so chose death. Great people today seem to get weary and not mind dying. Shall we try to apply the Truth to this extent and give up dying? All are not teachers, as Paul has said, but can show the truth by their lives.

The stones in Revelation all stand for living stones, by which is meant your living mind. As there are twelve of these stones, so are there twelve evidences of the entire consciousness. We do not want to be asleep at any one point of doctrine, every faculty must be awake and alive. This lesson is on making your work tell of your soul growth, and is the tenth stone of revelation. One lesson seems to be all, but the next takes up another statement of Truth and so on until the twelve gates of Truth are opened. Our conscious wide awake thoughts must smile and rejoice that our obedient world may be at last compelled to return our smile. These may seem slow in conquering the world, but they have Deity in all its enduring force behind them.

We have the capacity to be our best, we choose to do and be successful. Some have chosen to be rich, that is their high ambition, some choose to lead society, some to be known by their music or painting, some masterpiece of splendor. There is perfection laid out for us from the beginning, before the world ever was, the making of the Christ character, in whose glory rests ever the center of your own being, manifest in your own world. Things are plastic substance to your fingers. But the work of the Christ Mind is greater than any music, when it has proved to you that there is, in Truth, only God.

After the application of your Truth, if your business trouble is still evident, you certainly have been doubtful in your mind whether you could settle it by mental process or not. Doubt makes lameness, so refuse the lame side of the question. Keep your mind on the mark of the high calling. This applies to gifts for healing. If one is really healed they have the freedom that comes with it. Too often the matter of recompense is a stumbling block to both healer and patient. We do not accuse our gift of insufficiency, nor do we accuse ourselves. If you have ever promised yourself that you will make a gift, by all means make it, fulfill your promise to yourself, in order not to come under the sense of debt.

The land adhesions of your natural state of affairs is dissolved by the true way of thinking. It may seem long in its accomplishment, but it comes to pass that our conscious thoughts get greater and greater impulse as we think on, till our whole earth falls to pieces. Friends change marvelously. Home re-instates itself, or maybe we seem to have no home. Maybe we seem to fail. But this is the point where we are at the sepulcher in the beautiful garden of resurrection. We need not say from the looks of things " they have taken away my Lord." We must look up, up and touch God. We do not believe in material ways of thinking anymore, the old conditions made by that way must unglue for the new to come forth, it is formed from our new way of thinking.

We have many illustrations showing that we need never treat anything directly, especially that which is violent. In extremity, take the name of Jesus Christ. This does not mean that we are inhuman, and there may be a necessity to act as we pray. The point is to keep the mind steady. All acute cases are signals for saying firmly, what we do believe and what we do not believe.

Having made your statements in faith, try to lay the trouble aside and put your mind on something else so that you will get out of the way and let Spirit work. At present we think we feel the presence of spirit in some places more than others. There are prayer rooms where there is never a word spoken except those of praise and adoration. But one who is established does not let the feelings go up and down, but knows that God is ever present. If we are looking forward to peace, we must talk of peace, the Heavenly City, standing upon the stone or rock of faith, which is the sight of our good NOW. To take the mind off the trouble even for an instant allows this knowledge to come in. It makes one feel that he is a transcendent being with the power of good. This applies to all affairs.

When the storm comes nearest, the peace of the soul is also nearest. In the heart of the cyclone is the most intense peace and one turn puts us there. Look unto me! But, if we choose to be in the storm, the flower of the soul does not bloom. All the lessons of science turn to the side of joy, peace and happiness. Jesus was so firm on the side of good that He walked around among strange circumstances, unhurt. But they called him names and accused Him of many things. All this time He was the owner of the Universe and it is His doctrine that is rapidly coming forth in the world today and our part is to give it forth.

Jesus said that the Father would send the Holy Spirit, who would teach us all things and the early disciples proved this. Modern man has studied everything else and has put very little time on studying to hear the Holy Spirit through the name of Jesus Christ. This spiritual starvation has brought outer starvation into the world. Let us then continue to listen within to the instruction of the Holy Spirit and learn of Him the secrets of the Universe.

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For your comfort we direct your attention to the 37th Psalm and these selected verses:

"The Lord knoweth the days of the upright; and their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. Depart from evil and do good; and dwell forever more."